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FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM THE SECRETARY.

QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

Reports received today with respect to my six-hour visit to Berlin on Saturday indicate that it was well worthwhile. The dedication of the John Foster Dulles Street was a moving ceremony in which Eleanor Dulles participated. The great turn-out of Berliners everywhere was both a surprise and very touching. They were extremely cordial. In fact, their friendliness was extraordinary, particularly in light of the fact that apparently many East Berliners were among them.

Our talks with Mayor Brandt confirmed my opinion that he is extremely realistic, but yet not too pessimistic regarding the future of the city. My over-all impression is that Berliners, including responsible officials, have an almost childlike faith in the future of their city and in their conviction of our continuing friendship and strength. One point of special interest was Mayor Brandt's belief that a separate peace treaty between Russia and the East Germans would not materially affect the situation of the civilian population except insofar as the East Germans tried to interfere with access rights to our troops. He feels that whatever the East Germans could do to strangle West Berlin, they can do now, and that it is not in their own interests to do so.

By the time you receive this message, you will undoubtedly have received a new message from Harold MacMillan. I have forwarded to Dillon a record of my conversation with Selwyn dealing with the substance of this new message and I also hope we shall have a greater clarification by tonight of Nixon's report that

Khrushchev

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Khrushchev has sent Gromyko instructions. I agree with Nixon's recommendation that the reply to Khrushchev should be delayed a few days until we can probe the situation here more thoroughly.

Faithfully,

Signed: Chris

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